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**Response Requested:** None

**Findings:** The Lassen County Grand Jury met with Chief of Police Chris Gallagher. This meeting was one of many meetings held with public officials, which the Grand Jury does every year. This meeting took place on or about January of 2004. Chief Gallagher informed the Grand Jury that he was going to make several changes, all of which were positive for the community. Here are just a few of those changes, most of which require funds and or grant monies.

- Begin a high school officer program to provide an on-campus presence at least four day a week.
- Construct a new evidence room to include modern evidence lockers and processing equipment, install a CLETS computer in the new evidence room, purchase a bar-coded evidence-handling computer system. Reclassify one non-sworn police position to include the evidence function.
- Harden the facility to protect it and its employees from outside threats. Construction of a new lobby and records counter for contact with the Public.
- Begin a senior volunteer program.
- Recruit persons to rebuild the reserve officer's program.


The police department seems to be going in the right direction under Chief Gallagher and his staff. The Grand Jury wants all the staff working at the police department to know that they are doing a great job for the citizens of Susanville and they are appreciated.

## RECOMMENDATIONS:

- That all dashboard video cameras be used at all times. This is a good tool to help prosecute drunk drivers and to catch those who assault or resist a police officer in the performance of their duties.
- Reestablish the Reserve Program as soon as possible. This will save monies for the City during special events and patrols in general.
- Hire another detective as it becomes possible to do so, this will help the department in caseload and prosecution.
- Pursue all available grants to obtain potential monies for projects such as: the new evidence room and additional computers.